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DAVIS NAMED ACTING CHAIR OF EIU'S DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

CHARLESTON – Allen Davis, a professor and faculty member at Eastern Illinois University since 1987, has been named acting chair of the Department of Mathematics.

He replaces Claire Krukenberg, who retired June 30, 2001. For the past five years, Davis has served as assistant chair of the department.

"I welcome Dr. Davis to the College of Sciences' administrative team," said Mary Anne Hanner, acting dean of COS. "With his experiences as a faculty member and as assistant chair, he is well aware of the strengths of the department. He also has insight into its needs and concerns.

"Dr. Davis is a very enthusiastic and energetic individual. I look forward to working with him," she added.

Davis, a Charleston native, graduated from Eastern, Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin. He taught mathematics at Mt. Carmel High School, Mattoon High School and Edison Junior High in Janesville, Wis., and served as a computer and mathematics coordinator in Lake County, Ill., prior to returning to Charleston.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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ALLEN DAVIS

While at Eastern, Davis has conducted in-service workshops for mathematics teachers in many schools in Illinois, has presented at numerous state and national meetings of professional organizations and has written as a regular columnist for a professional newsletter.

He has served on several state-level committees dealing with mathematics education, and as director for more than 12 grant-funded mathematics projects, including "Mathematics for the 21st Century," which many area teachers have participated in over the past few years.

As he begins his tenure as acting department chair, Davis has identified several areas of focus, including staff development, an increase in the use of technology in mathematics classrooms and labs, an increase in resources for faculty research, and the provision of appropriate administrative support and assistance to mathematics faculty, staff and students.

Davis and his wife, Dianne, live in Charleston. Four of their five children attended Eastern.